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SUBJECT: SOVIET CULTURAL DELEGATION

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CARACAS DAILY EL NACIONAL REPORTS THAT THE FIRST OFFICIAL SOVIET CULTURAL DELEGATION TO VENEZUELA ARRIVED FEBRUARY 9 FOR A THREE DAY VISIT TO CARACAS TO FOMENT CULTURAL EXCHANGE. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY THE DELEGATION STATED THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ' VISIT TO THE USSR SPURRED THEIR INTEREST IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT VENEZUELA, AN INTEREST THEY BELIEVE IS MUTUAL. IN REAL TERMS, THE CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM PROPOSED BY THE DELEGATION INCLUDED THE POSSIBLE PRESENTATION IN VENEZUELA THIS YEAR OF FOLKLORIC DANCE GROUPS, SEVERAL BALLET DANCERS, MUSIC SOLOISTS, AND AN EXHIBIT OF PAINTINGS FROM THE HERMITAGE. VENEZUELA WOULD SEND SIMILAR PRESENTATIONS TO THE USSR. THE DELEGATION, MADE UP OF THE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS, AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF GOSKONCERT, ESTABLISHED CONTACT HERE PRINCIPALLY WITH CONAC AND FUNDARTE. FUNDARTE'S REQUEST FOR A THREE WEEK VISIT BY BOLSHOI STARS EKTARINA MAXIMOVA

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AND VLADIMIR VASILEV WAS ALSO DISCUSSED, BUT A DECISION WAS POSTPONED UNTIL 1978. THE MEMBERS OF CONAC HAVE BEEN INVITED TO THE USSR THIS YEAR FOR AN OVERVIEW OF THE COUNTRY'S CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

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